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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549 Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of: March, 2010

Commission File Number: 001-31316

#### THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

(Name of Registrant)

44 King Street West, 9th Floor, Scotia Plaza, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1 416-866-4269

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Yes o No b

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## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

## THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Date: April 5, 2010 By: /s/ Jeffrey Heath

Name: Jeffrey Heath

Title: Executive Vice President and

Group Treasurer

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# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 Underwriting Agreement dated March 31, 2010